



Maine Department of Transportation's TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

What is the Maine Department of Transportation Enhancement Program?

The Transportation Enhancement Program is a Federal reimbursement program offering a funding opportunity to help municipalities expand their transportation and livability choices.

Who may apply?

State, county and local governmental agencies within Maine are eligible to apply. For municipalities located within Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) areas, projects must be submitted under the auspices of the MPO. Project proposals should indicate municipal approval, support, and consistency with local long-range comprehensive planning.

What Projects are Eligible?

Projects must fall into one or more of the following activities:

Eligible Activities:	Examples:
Bicycle/Pedestrian	
Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities; Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety & Education Activities; Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails	Planning, designing and constructing multi-use trails; paved shoulders or sidewalks on minor collectors or local roads; new sidewalks on major collectors or arterials where closed drainage exists; walkways or curb ramps; bike lane striping, bike parking and bus racks. Programs designed to encourage walking and bicycling. Acquiring railroad rights-of-way for the purpose of developing rail-with-trail projects.
Scenic/Landscape/Historic	
Acquisition of Scenic or Historic Easements & Sites; Landscaping & Scenic Beautification; Scenic or Historic Highway Programs; Rehabilitation & Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities; Historic Preservation	Acquisition of scenic land easements, vistas and landscapes; purchase of buildings in historic districts or historic properties; preservation of farmland. Improvements such as street furniture, lighting, public art and landscaping along streets, historic highways, trails and interstates, waterfronts, and gateways. Construction of turnouts and overlooks; designation signs and markers. Restoration of railroad depots, bus stations and lighthouses; rehabilitation of rail trestles, tunnels and bridges. Preservation of buildings in historic districts; restoration and reuse of historic buildings for transportation-related purposes.
Environmental	
Mitigation of Highway Runoff Pollution and Provision of Wildlife Connectivity	Soil erosion controls; detention and sediment basins, river clean-ups; wildlife passage; wildlife mortality and safety.
Other (low priority for funding)	
Establishment of Transportation Museums; Archaeological Planning & Research; Control & Removal of Outdoor Advertising	Construction of new museums or additions may include the conversion of railroad stations or historic properties to museums with transportation themes. Research, preservation planning and interpretation. Billboard inventories or removal of illegal and nonconforming billboards. Note: 23 MRSA 1901-1925 limits the amount and types of outdoor advertising; therefore, this category is not funded through MaineDOT's Transportation Enhancement Program.

For further Transportation Enhancement Program information:

<http://www.maine.gov/mdot/community-programs/enhancement-program.php>